



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Monday, November 15, 2004
Hillview Community Center
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairperson Wright called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

Present: Vice-Chairperson Wright, Commissioners Bien, DeMartini, Demmer, Elchert, Lorell, Wyse and Zwarenstein

Absent Chairperson Stanley, Commissioners Angelo and Sachdeva

Also Present: Staff Liaison Donna Legge and Teen Program Coordinator Molly James

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ELCHERT MOVED that the minutes from the November 8, 2004, meeting be approved as presented. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BIEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BUSINESS

1. Underground Teen Center – Staff reviewed attendance numbers at the Underground. There has been no attendance on Sundays. Staff is reviewing alternatives for the December LAYC Dance. The Commission advised against splitting up the grades or schools. It was recommended that staff find a way to include all members and their guests.

Revitalization Committee – Wright reported that the committee was moving forward to Council with its recommendations. Wright will keep the Commission updated.

2. Skate Park – Angelo was not present to review the power point presentation. Elchert assured the Commission that the presentation would be simple. Staff would forward the PARC agenda of November 17, 2004 and meeting information to the Commission.

3. Tour of San Mateo Skate Park – The Commission requested staff to forward directions to the skate park located in San Mateo. Commissioners were encouraged to go on their own or car pool. Staff requested that staff be notified should six or more Commissioners go together.
4. Community Swimming Pool - Staff reviewed the final EIR process, and reported Council would be discussing it at its November 30, 2004 meeting. Commissioners had received a copy of the summary section of the final EIR.

The following community members addressed the Commission at the meeting:

Kelsey Dusman
Taylor Wyse
Jordyn Sims
Janice Miyagi
Maridee Charlton
Cameron Desmond
Tracy Wyse
Jerry Wright
Tony Desmond
Nick Troughbridge
Lynae Avra

The Commission received comments regarding the need for a community pool and more specifically a Community Swim Center located at Rosita Park. The Commission supported the need to for a pool in the community to offer programs and services.

The Commission had a brief discussion regarding the possible Civic Center location. The Commission was concerned that the process did not include looking at alternative locations. Parks, Arts and Recreation Commissioner Maridee Charlton was present in the audience and affirmed that the PARC had considered alternative locations and had recommended to Council the Rosita location. Various members of the audience explained the history of the previous Covington Pool and the various programs and services that were offered and beneficial to the community at the time. Members of the public further explained that should Council not accept the Rosita Swim Center EIR and a different location pursued, a new EIR would be required, which would take a long period of time and be costly to the City.

The Commission discussed that it would be best to support the proposed Swim Center to be located at Rosita Park. The Commission felt the timing was critical to develop a swim center as quickly as possible and not to delay the process by changing the location or funding another EIR.

ELCHERT MOVED that the Youth Commission support the Community Swim Center to be located at Rosita Park. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LORELL AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

5. Joint Meeting with Council – The following items were discussed to be included in the annual report:

2004 Accomplishments:

- June 5, 2004 Downtown Concert
- Foothill College Collaborative – Band Night
- Community Picnic – 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
- Art and Wine Festival
- Skate Park Research

2005 Goals

- Casino Night
- The Project
- Band Night at the Underground
- Youth Festival

Staff will prepare a draft report to be reviewed and finalized at its regular meeting of December 6, 2004.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Teen Center
2. Skate Park Project
3. Joint Meeting with Council
4. Community Pool Update

ADJOURNMENT

ZWARESTEIN MOVED to adjourn meeting at 9:15 p.m. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEMARTINI AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Minutes prepared by,
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